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Transcript of conversation with Gleeson this afternoon

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To [redacted]

Date Friday, March 11th, 2022 at 9:30 PM

[Gleeson: Hello, this is Terry Gleeson]

Ruth: Ohhh, hi, how are you, so I'm ringing you, you know why I'm ringing you, it's about EF Fluff. I understand that ,I haven't obviously seen him, them since they went to Finland, but I understand they are returning to Ireland and that they have been on hunger strike for the last, certainly for well over, 20 days and they have been on liquid strike as well for the last, certainly a number of days, previous to them returning, so they're in very poor physical shape and the only thing just to say is that they are extremely upset because they went through the discovery documentation, and I'm conscious that, I'm saying this just as a friend now, it's not in a professional capacity, but they went through the discovery documentation in respect of the prosecution that was brought against them, em, in respect of endangerment and threats and there is an

[Gleeson: is it the one from Kevin St]

Ruth: it's the one from Kevin St, the very first one, and there is material in the disclosure pack that is very, em, it it presents a lot of problems insofar as the, the, it seems to contradict the affidavits that were put in as part of those, the statements that were put in as part of the books of evidence in that case, so, having gone through this, EF Fluff is exceptionally upset because,eh, you know, their view is, and I would have to say myself again, in a non professional capacity, just having read the documentation, their view is that what occurred was that the, the earlier prosecution was a, a set up, and, I would have to say, anyone, I think would have serious concerns when they read through the full disclosure in respect of that, and I know that Judge Greally was quite scathing in her judgment about the way in which the investigation was carried out, and I, I would have to say that, having gone through the disclosure again and looked at it myself, I can understand why she was scathing that she underplayed

[at this point Gleeson interrupts, I think, to say he had nothing to do with that prosecution]

Ruth: Yes, well they are very concerned, very upset, they have a very negative view in terms of, you know, the Gardai, and, so, you know, this has intensified their negative views, so they are both terrified of returning back and they see no option but to return back either, you know, so they're extremely upset and they're also upset and they also are upset, because, this then colours their view of the further raid that was carried out from Irishtown, which was carried out, I think, this raid, shortly after their acquittal in respect of the case, and again, I would have to say, I was never able to understand, you know, really why this raid was done in the way it was, why there was a SWAT team breaking into their apartment, I mean, you know, the thing is that EF Fluff is an exceptionally law abiding person, certainly far more law abiding than I would be in terms of always doing everything by the book, so I just, I can't understand why it was necessary to break into their apartment at 6 a.m. in the morning with a SWAT team, it didn't make sense to me, and I can see why they were concerned, so, I mean, you're going, you know, they're absolutely terrified and at the same time furious, because, to be honest with you, you know, it seems a terrible terrible tragedy that their lives were turned upside down like that, and they're a exceptionally vulnerable person, they haven't had a moment of peace or a moment of rest since 2018, it's just very sad and I mean, you know, I would urge you to try to see if this matter could be resolved beause it seems to me

[at this point Gleeson interrupts to say he is just obeying the DPP instruction to prosecute]

Ruth: Yeah, well, I think you need, I would ask you to think seriously about the fact that this is an extremely

vulnerable person, and that the other thing is ,they have the bit between their teeth now in terms of how they think they were treated, so, you know, this isn't going to end well for anyone, you know, their life is going to be destroyed, everyone else, you know, it's not going to look good for the guards in terms of what has happened, so, I mean, I just don't know what you can or can't do in respect of it, it's not my place to tell you as such

[at this point Gleeson interrupts again, I think to say again that he is not responsible for what is happening, did not make the decision to prosecute]

Ruth: Yes, I know, I know that, but a lot of people out there are very concerned about what's happening to EF Fluff both in Ireland and abroad and if the situation, it would seem to me that if the situation is as it appears to be in terms of the charges and stuff, the situation should be de-escalated more than anything else, you know, I mean at the moment, there is a situation where they send emails to their mother during a suicide attempt and I know there was a barring order in place against them contacting their mother, but it was during a suicide attempt, and, you know, they've made numerous suicide attempts since the very first incident when the guards went into their apartment after an anonymous person said they were thinking of committing suicide and this,

[again Gleeson interrupts to say it is out of his hands once the DPP has decided to prosecute]

yeah I know that, yeah, no, it may be out of your hands I fully understand that, yeah

[at this point Gleeson says that if the prosecution is unfair that can be argued as part of the process]

Ruth: Well, one would think so with most people, but this is a very vulnerable person, and the other thing I would say in terms of the earlier prosecution I think anyone legal or otherwise who read it would be at a loss to see how the earlier prosecution could have gone ahead in circumstances where the statements were contradicted by the forensic evidence and that is going to have issues for everyone, yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah, I understand, i understand that you yourself are bound by the rules, but I would just urge, you know, anyone who is making the decision on it to try to sort it out because this is a life that is destroyed, I am not sure if EF Fluff is ever going to recover from the events of what happened to him and people are just, this is something which is being discussed quite widely now, and I mean

[at this point Gleeson asks me what I mean by this]

Ruth: I mean well now he has a lot of people engaged in terms of, you know,

[at this point Gleeson mentions the reference to him online as a paedophile enabler]

Ruth: I fully understand that but my concern, yeah I understand that, and I know that you've actually, I know that, he puts stuff up online, I know that, but the difficulty is and the difficulty is, really, you know. my main concern is that he will die as a result of this, you know, and I wouldn't like afterwards to be regretting that I didn't say something, you know, that's my concern, so I kind of feel morally obliged, yeah so, I don't think he, the problem is I don't think he has the psychological strength to survive, you know, going through the courts process, I just don't, I really don't. I just feel really sorry for him, and it's very hard for me to explain, other people say, why aren't you doing more about it. There's a process and that and I understand where you are in relation to that but, you know, I have to phone really because it doesn't seem right to me to see a life destroyed like that and not to say something about it, you know, so I'll just see, I made a note of things that I said to myself, I will mention to you, he says that if he returns there will be a continuation of the liquid strike in custody,

[at this point Gleeson mentions that he has got notifications of you being on and off hunger strike]

Ruth: Yeah, yeah you may well have received a lot this, yeah, you're aware of that anyway, that he has been on and off hunger strike, they've been on and off hunger strike during that period but he's also been doing

that, they have been on and off hunger strike, that's the problem they haven't been eating, I've witnessed this and throughout they are very concerned about the previous prosecution, yeah, yeah, because this is someone who had absolutely no criminal record or anything prior to 2018 and the guards called up and did a welfare check on their apartment and this escalated and I wonder, you know, if there's any way that it could stop being escalated before they die.

[at this point Gleeson says that if I send in an email with my concerns he will pass it on to his superiors]

Ruth: Yeah, OK, thank you very much, thank you. I, I, I will probably have to i will have to run the email through with them if I can talk to them maybe before I send it in because I don't want to get myself in trouble for sending something in that they're not happy with but I will see if I can see if I could put that in writing, Yeah, that's fair enough, I fully understand that, I know that, no problem, thanks for taking the call.

[Gleeson says again that this matter is outside his control]

Ruth: I fully understand that, I know that. Thanks a lot, bye.